GM585

Measure Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the

Board of Certification of Public Water System

Operators, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN AH YAT, for

a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Report Title:

Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators

Current Referral:

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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0585 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GLENN AH YAT, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: 4/05/2019 @ 9:30 am Room Number: 229

- 1 Fiscal Implications: None
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of
- 3 Mr. Glenn A. Ah Yat to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators (Board) for
- 4 a second consecutive term.
- 5 Mr. Ah Yat has 27 years of experience in operation of a large water distribution system
- 6 and is currently employed at the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (HBWS). Mr. Ah Yat started
- 7 as a Pipefitter Trades Apprentice for the HBWS and worked his way up to his current position of
- 8 Water Service Supervisor giving him extensive operational experience in the field. As Water
- 9 Service Supervisor he oversees the 24-hour operation and maintenance of the distribution system
- in the suburban areas of Oahu, managing the corporation yards and operation of construction
- equipment of pipelines, valves, fire hydrants, and meters.
- 12 In addition to his extensive public drinking water experience, Mr. Ah Yat possesses a
- 13 Distribution System Operator certification at the highest-grade level 4. Therefore, he
- understands the value of a certification program. His knowledge will bring valuable insight from
- the field operations perspective to the Board, and his willingness to serve demonstrates his
- 16 commitment to his profession and the certification of drinking water system operators.
- 17 **Offered Amendments:** None

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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The Honorable Rosalyn Baker State Senate 415 South Beretania Street, Room 231 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker:

Subject: Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators

We recommend for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination:

Glenn Ah Yat Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators Expiration Date: June 30, 2023

Sincerely,

MICHAEL FUKE Program Administrator

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Field Operations